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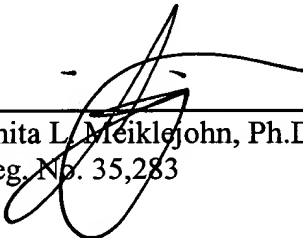
Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment together with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Applicants ask that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

The present claims are drawn to methods for evaluating an allele of the ApoE gene in a patient. As explained on pages 76-77 of the present application and in Table 5 of the present application, the haplotype of the ApoE gene at positions 19311, 23707, 16747, 17030 and 17785 of SEQ ID NO:5 is useful in determining whether a selected allele is an E4 allele, an E3 allele or an E2 allele.

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Respectfully submitted,

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